

chair of the Governor's task force on unemployment insurance; vice chair of the Multiple Sclerosis Society; chair of the mayor's citizen's advisory panel on public housing; chair of the Governor's advisory council on worker's compensation; member of the job training and workforce development councils; member of the TechHelp science advisory board and the Governor's rural economic development committee; chair of the Idaho State Employee's United Way Campaign; cochair of Idaho Rural Partnership; and, cochair of the "Katrina Evacuee Resettlement" effort in Idaho.

Without hesitation and despite his weighty workload, Roger twice agreed to guide the Idaho Commission on the Arts through difficult periods and did so in an inimitable manner, with much gratitude on behalf of the staff and arts community. Additionally, he served as the interim director of the Idaho Disability Determination Services.

In 2005, the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor received the William J. Harris Equal Opportunity Award for its "commitment to intensifying assistance to minorities and ensuring those new to the State receive the same quality service as longtime Idaho residents." The annual award honors a work force agency administrator and the agency's equal opportunity officer for outstanding accomplishments. Under Madsen's leadership, the department increased its bilingual staff, doubled the number of female managers in local offices, increased the number of employees with disabilities and launched new programs such as special job search workshops in Spanish.

In June 2007, the International Association of Workforce Professionals named Director Roger Madsen as its Administrator of the Year for his leadership in economic and work force development in 2006, when average wages rose 5.6 percent and Idaho's growth in real gross state product led the Nation.

I recognize and commend Roger for his continued efforts and accomplishments on behalf of all of the citizens of Idaho. He is a great advocate for Idaho and I look forward to continuing to work with him on issues important to Idahoans.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ART COMPETITION

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to recognize three students from New Mexico who entered and were recognized in the Education: A Gift Without Boundaries, 2007 Native American Student Art Competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education. There were almost 1,400 entries from 34 States in 6 events divided by age.

Native Americans put a very strong emphasis on their culture and in particular, art. Even though the art may be different from tribe to tribe, the universal importance of art is seen in

the number of entrants and from the diverse geographic areas that they come from. The number of entrants also speaks to the immense support from teachers and parents in the Native American communities.

Deidra Lee, an eighth grader from Ceciditai Middle School, won first place in the sixth- to eighth-grade division; Robert Francis, a 10th grader from Grants High School, won third place in the 9th-10th grade division; and Michael Curly, a 10th grader from Pine Hill School, won first place in the 11th-12th grade division. I ask that all three of these students be recognized for their accomplishments in the arts. These New Mexicans demonstrated a clear understanding of the importance of academic, cultural, and artistic education. •

TRIBUTE TO ROXCY O'NEAL BOLTON

• Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. President, today I wish to commend the service and acts of South Florida's Roxcy O'Neal Bolton. She has made many contributions to women and society both locally and nationally. While she was born in Mississippi in 1926, Roxcy Bolton has made her mark in Florida over many long decades as a leading supporter of women's rights.

Mrs. Bolton has been the founder of many Florida organizations which have helped women. While a strong advocate of increasing opportunities for women in society, she still proudly embraced marriage and family life.

Married to a U.S. Navy commander named David Bolton—now deceased—they had three children together. In her life she has been an active wife, mother, and homemaker—all while supporting rights for women in Florida and beyond. Her good acts are well known.

A leading defender of, and advocate for, women who have been abused or suffered through domestic violence, Mrs. Bolton founded a nonprofit agency that provides rescue service, assistance to women in personal crisis, and emergency housing. This agency started after she personally took in four children and several women who were in situations of personal distress. I believe that is the definition of service—but it is just one example of Mrs. Bolton's kindness and vision.

At Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, she worked to establish one of the country's first rape treatment centers. Providing services and support over the decades to children, adolescents, and adult victims of sexual assault, the Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center has helped more than 42,000 people and their families; and importantly, these services are provided at no cost to the victim.

Today, Roxcy Bolton is still caring for the women of Florida and remains dedicated to the rights of women everywhere. Through her dedicated work, she has lived a life of purpose. I am

glad that we can call her one of Florida's own.

COMMENDING ANTHONY BURRUTO

• Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. President, I rise today to commend a talented and courageous young American named Anthony Burruto. A rising seventh-grade student at Southwest Middle School in Orlando and a pitcher and first baseman for a Dr. Phillips Little League baseball team known as the Yankees, Anthony lives a fairly ordinary life; it is just that he is a rather extraordinary young man. Born without a fibula in his right leg or a shinbone in his left, he had his lower legs amputated as a baby. At the time, Anthony and his family were informed that surgery might one day make it possible for him to walk. Anthony, now 12, decided that walking would not be enough for him.

He started playing baseball nearly 5 years ago; hitting his first home run last November, he just recently finished the spring season with five—two of them Grand Slams. Amongst the league leaders in home runs for the spring season, Anthony has been an inspiration to everyone—his teammates, his opponents, the coaches, parents, and fans alike. Using two titanium and carbon-fiber prostheses, Anthony moves around well; be it on the baseball diamond or while playing baritone with his school's band, he embraces with confidence all of his opportunities.

In an Orlando Sentinel story written about Anthony, published earlier this year, one of his teammates was quoted as saying, "He's always the one who gets everybody up in the dugout . . . He always sticks up for everybody when they have a problem." For a child who was born 2 months premature and weighed just a little more than 3 pounds, the aforementioned says much about his character and personality.

While Anthony and his parents Vinny and Diane long lived in New York, they have now been living in Orlando for the past 2 years. I am certainly proud to call them Floridians. The Burrutos have been very supportive of their only child; their love and devotion have certainly helped this talented young man to shine even more brightly. The Orlando community has also given great support to Anthony. As an Orlando resident, I have yet another reason to be thankful that my family and I call Orlando home.

There are now other people who have been picking up on the rising star that is Anthony Burruto. For instance, earlier this season when Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Devil Rays hosted a three-game "home stand" at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando—the first regular season major league games ever played in the Orlando area—Anthony was asked to throw out the first pitch of the first game. On this momentous occasion, Anthony threw a strike. Additionally, the Devil Rays won.

The accolades continue to come. Right before the official start of summer, Anthony learned that he had made the Dr. Phillips Little League All-Star team—yet another incredible accomplishment for an impressive young man. His mother reports that he and his team did really well. And as further proof of Anthony's inspiring story, there was even a film crew from This Week in Baseball following him during part of his All-Star run.

Though given all of this praise, Anthony might respond much as he did in that Sentinel article. Commenting on "able-bodied adults who say he's remarkable or inspirational," Anthony's response was, "You just see things differently. To me, it's normal." This can-do attitude has brought Anthony many admirers at an early age—and I have every reason to believe that this young man will continue to inspire and succeed in ever bigger ways. I commend Anthony for his hard work, attitude, and approach to living. I encourage Anthony to keep swinging for the fences—he has already proven that he can knock the ball out of the park. On and off the diamond, we all know that Anthony Burruto is an All-Star.●

HONORING WANDA A. BROWN

● Mrs. McCASKILL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me today in congratulating Wanda A. Brown of Harrisonville, MO. Wanda has devoted her life to community journalism and community service. The Missouri Associated Press will induct Wanda into the Missouri Press Hall of Fame on September 7, 2007.

Wanda began her career in journalism in 1946 as copublisher of the Willow Springs News with her late husband J.W. Brown, Jr. With their purchase of the Harrisonville Democrat-Missourian in 1955, they were able to form the Cass County Publishing Company. Under Wanda's guidance as business manager, Cass County Publishing Company operated many of western Missouri's important publications including the Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Lee's Summit Journal, Belton Star Herald, Bates County Democrat and the Lawrence County Record. Wanda retired from publishing in 1985 after working in community journalism for 30 years.

The State of Missouri has benefited not only from Wanda's prolific career in journalism but also from her dedication to public service and philanthropy. Two generations of Cass County residents have known Wanda as the author of "Wanda's Favorite Recipes" which is a weekly column in the Democrat-Missourian. Wanda then turned these columns into two cookbooks. Proceeds from the first cookbook were donated to a local theater group, the Way Off Broadway Players, and from the second book to the Cass Medical Center Foundation.

The town of Harrisonville and the State of Missouri have been lucky to

have Wanda as one of its prominent citizens, awarding her with honors such as the Harrisonville Area Chamber of Commerce President's Award and the Missouri Merit Mother of the Year Award.

Mr. President, I ask that the Senate join me in honoring Wanda A. Brown for her decades of dedicated service to the citizens of Missouri. We congratulate Wanda on her induction into the Missouri Press Hall of Fame.

IN HONOR OF PHYLLIS DUNN

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I celebrate the life of a beautiful Nebraskan on her 80th birthday.

Phyllis Schroeder Dunn was born on August 18, 1927, in Grand Island, NE. She has called Grand Island her home ever since.

With some help from her late husband Joseph Dunn, she gave birth to nine children, all at St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island. A graduate of the St. Francis School of Nursing, her career as an emergency and operating room nurse spanned five decades.

Even as Phyllis Dunn celebrates her 80th birthday, she remains very active and is heavily involved in St. Leo's Catholic Church, her weekly quilting group at St. Mary's Cathedral, and following the exploits of her 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Her story is typical of lifelong Nebraskans who are known for living long, healthy, happy and productive lives.

Nebraska is famous for being an agriculture state that helps feed the world but it is the people of Nebraska, like Phyllis Dunn, who are its heart and soul.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following bills:

S. 1. An act to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

S. 375. An act to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 975. An act granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

S. 1099. An act to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code; to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance.

S. 1716. An act to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers.

H.R. 3206. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 15, 2007, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 6:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3311. An act to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes.

At 8:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3161. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 31. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 176. To authorize the establishment of educational exchange and development programs for member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 180. An act to require the identification of companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 660. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 673. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County,